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Thomas Lincoln Family

Tennessee Relatives

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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LINCOLN'S FAMILY

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I have just read your editorial article on Abraham Lincoln, and your comments on the recent book by Miss Ida M. Tarbell, and, thinking that some history of the Tennessee branch of the Lincoln family might be interesting, I give you the following:

Abraham Lincoln had an uncle named Isaac who lived in the far-famed Watauga Valley of Tennessee, where the first settlements were made in the State. Isaac Lincoln was a large land owner, and also a slave owner. The records in the Carter County Court House attest this. The will of Isaac Lincoln is on record, and it shows he owned large bodies of land, and in it he mentions several slaves by name. He gave most of his property to his wife, Mary Ward Lincoln. The will of Mrs. Lincoln is also on record, and was drawn up by the famous lawyer, Thomas A. R. Nelson, who was one of the great lawyers of his day. In this will Mrs. Lincoln mentions thirty-four slaves by name, and she gave most of her property to her nephew, William Stover, as after the death of their only child (who was drowned in the Watauga River) they took their nephew, William Stover, son of Daniel and Phoebe Ward Stover, and brought him up as their own child. The Lincolns mingled in the highest social circles, and numbered among their friends some of Tennessee's leading families. Isaac Lincoln was a man of splendid ability and accumulated large bodies of lands and was one of the rich men of that section. Mrs. Lincoln was also a woman of remarkable ability and after the death of her husband added to her possessions, both real and personal, and was one of the wealthiest women of her section.

William Stover married Miss Sarah Drake of the well known and prominent Drake family of Virginia, and to him were born three sons, Daniel, Samuel Murray and David Lincoln. And strange to say, Daniel married Miss Mary Johnson, daughter of Andrew Johnson, and thus in a way connected the Lincoln and Johnson families. Samuel Murray married Miss Carrie Brooks of the prominent Brooks family of South Carolina and David Lincoln married Miss Josephine Gaines, a first cousin of Miss Brooks, who was also of a prominent South Carolina family. When the great war between the States burst forth Daniel Stover cast his lot with his distinguished father-in-law, Andrew Johnson, and joined the Federal Army and was made Colonel of the Second Tennessee Infantry, and died of disease at Gallatin, Tenn. Samuel Murray Stover cast his lot with the Confederate States and was a physician in the army of General Lee.

The Watauga Valley was the home of several of Tennessee's most distinguished families, among them the illustrious Carter family, one of whom, Admiral Samuel P. Carter, held both the title of Admiral in the Navy and General in the Army, and is the only American citizen who has held both these titles. Here lived the prominent Taylor family that has given Governors, Congressmen and United States Senators to Tennessee. Here lived the well known Tipton family, who have always figured prominently in Tennessee history. It was in this valley that lived that distinguished lawyer, Thomas A. R. Nelson, whom Andrew Johnson selected as one of his counsel in the celebrated impeachment trial.

I mention these families to show the prominence of the Lincoln family as they were friends and associates of all these families.

JAMES D. JENKINS.

Brooklyn, Feb. 12, 1924.

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Tompkinsville, Ky.,
July 8, 1929

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Warren: I received your pamphlet, Hananiah Lincoln in Revolution and Pioneer History, for which I wish to thank you.

Of course, you know, that I do not agree with you in all that you have said in this however, I appreciate the pamphlet very much.

There are records that prove that Thomas Lincoln, father of President Lincoln was a citizen of Cumberland county from 1800 to 1815.

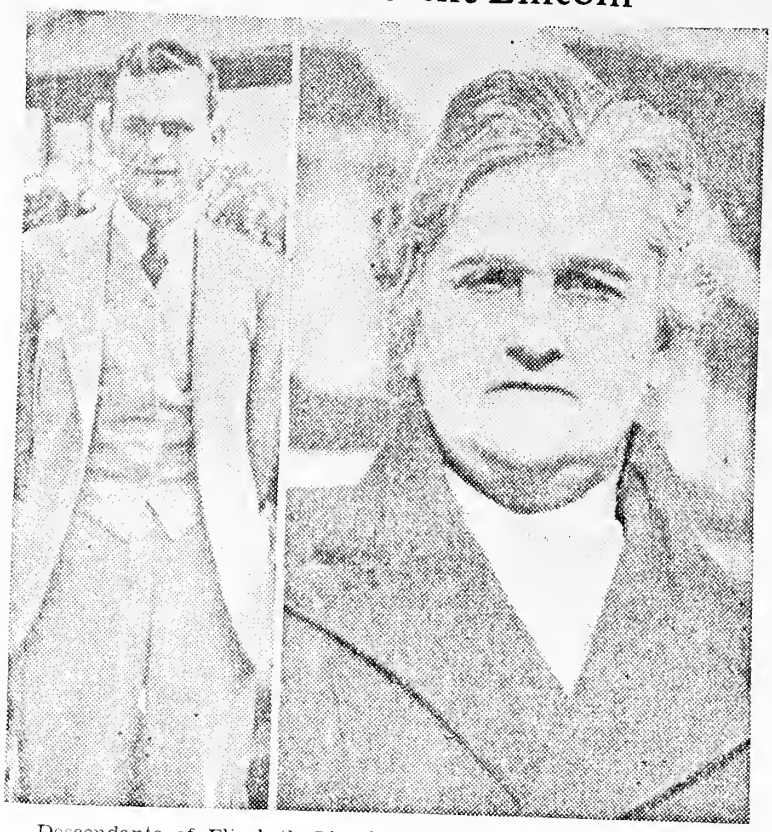
There are no records in Cumberland county showing that a Thomas Lincoln, except President Lincoln's father, ever lived in Cumberland county.

There are no records there showing that Thomas Lincoln ever sold the land he owned on Mechack (not Marrowbone) in Cumberland county.

Thanking you again for the pamphlet I am

Yours Truly,
Genie Armstrong.

Kin Of President Lincoln



Descendants of Elizabeth Lincoln, sister of Thomas Lincoln, father of the Great Emancipator, are Mrs. J. F. Hines, 2907 Fourth avenue, and her oldest son, Raymond, who has often been nicknamed "Abe" due to his striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln. Elizabeth Lincoln was the great-grandmother of Mrs. Hines and was the mother of twenty-three children.

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CLOSE RELATIVE HERE SHOWS RESEMBLANCE TO LINCOLN

By JULIA RAIGUEL AYRES

With a marked resemblance in the family to Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is observed today, Mrs. J. F. Hines, of 2907 Fourth avenue, revealed this morning that her great-grandmother, Elizabeth Lincoln and Thomas Lincoln, father of the Civil war President, were brother and sister.

Records of the Lincoln connection are in the possession of Thomas Crow, 83, of Elizabethton, Tenn., the youngest brother of Mrs. J. N. Nidiffer, deceased, granddaughter of Elizabeth Lincoln. However, the records are badly faded and quite fragile and almost illegible, Mrs. Hines said.

Persons not aware of the relationship have often nicknamed Raymond Hines, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hines, "Abe," because of his noticeable similarity to the famous man. Tall, slender and with the same rugged features, young Hines was first nicknamed "Abe" during a visit in New York. He is now employed as a chemist in Elizabethton, Tenn., the old home of the family.

Elizabeth Lincoln, sister of Thomas, has a certain claim to fame herself. Married to Thomas Crow, she became the mother of twenty-three children, with eight sets of twins. One son, Isaac Crow, married Elizabeth Hart, mother of Amelia Crow, who became Mrs. Nidiffer, mother of Mrs. Hines. All the family lived in Tennessee.

Four sons of Thomas Crow and Elizabeth Lincoln Crow fought in the Civil war, three with the union army and one with the Confederate army. Isaac Crow, grandfather of Mrs. Hines, was one of the sons fighting in the war.

Elizabeth Hart Crow, mother of ten children, saved her son, Robert from a sad death during the war. Reminiscences of the family have revealed the terror of the burning and pillaging which took place during the war in Elizabethton. The Confederate army wanted Robert Crow to burn a neighbor's store, and when he refused, they stripped him and carried him to the outskirts of the town.

A rope had been placed around his neck and he was being hoisted when his mother intervened and pleaded for his life. He was later threatened a second time but survived because he wore clothes of his sister. He moved to Monroe county, Ky., following the war and spent the remainder of his life there.

Elizabeth Lincoln is buried in an old family plot about five miles out of the town and Mrs. Hines recalls playing in the old grave yard many times as a child.

Although Elizabeth Lincoln bore eight sets of twins, in the generations since there have been only two sets of twins, Mrs. Hines said. Some of the money from the estate of Abraham Lincoln was received by Thomas Crow, great-uncle of Mrs.

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I called on Mrs. Hines, & she is more "Lincolnish" in looks, than her picture. She is real agreeable sort of person, just plain, sort I know you get my meaning. She promised to take some pictures of the old Boone & connection graves in Tenn. & Ky — She has had several operations & no doubt forgot to do so. Now that I am back in Va again — I'll keep on my hunt for Uniter — Boone — Miller connection. & as my husband is a descendant of that line & I am Bryan — Boone — Strode

705 McCormick St.
Clifton Forge Va
Sept. 30 - 38

My dear Dr. Harrow:

I received a letter from you (in answer to mine) on March 2nd 1934.

We were residing in Huntington — W. Va at that time — Now, we back in old Virginia.

In the mean time I found some "Lincoln Lore" which may be of interest to you — I misplaced the article & lucky am I, to find it among my data.

in Ky & Va ....
I hear from Wm Boone
Douglass now & then
& often from Col. Frank
Dennis in Lex. Ky. altho'
I have never met him.
we do exchange data
He sends me clipping
papers & books & I do
ditto. (so we are even Lahal
I am very much interested
in Boyle data, & if
you can refer me to
any one, or books I
would be terribly happy
& appreciative —
My ancestor Col. John Strode &
(known as Sr.) married
Mary Boyle. (a dist.
of Stephen Boyle.

It do not know the names of her parents
(John Strode son of Edward & Eleanor Strode
were his parents) Berkeley Co Va now W Va
Boyle Ky. was named for John Boyle
(Chief Justice) He was born in Botetourt
Co Va moved in early life to Ky.
m. Mary ~~Taylor~~ Tilford — As Lincoln
to is County seat of Botetourt Co. & only
15 miles from here. I expect to go through
the old records in the old court house &
may make a find — Cordially
(mrs. Cecil B. Taylor) Bess Dodsworth Taylor

October 4, 1938

Mrs. Cecil B. Taylor
705 McCormick St.
Clifton Fogs, Va.

My dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thank you very much for your letter and the enclosed clippings which we are very glad to have. We will immediately get in touch with Mrs. Hines and see if we can learn anything further about her relationship to the Lincolns.

I have just gone through my records on Botetourt County, Virginia, and do not find any mention of the Boyle family.

The records, as I recall, in this County are in very excellent shape and I am sure that you will have no difficulty in finding there the names of the people in whom you are interested.

Of course, the name Strode is very familiar to me having lived as I did in Lexington, Kentucky for many years and I am very glad that you still remember something about the Boone and Lincoln contacts which we have finally traced.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

October 4, 1938

Mr. Thomas Crow
Elizabethton, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Crow:

Quite a few years ago there was a newspaper clipping which carried a story stating that you had in your possession some old family records which showed that Elizabeth Lincoln, your grandmother, was a sister of Thomas Lincoln, father of the president.

We are very much interested in getting, if we can, a copy of such records as you may have and will appreciate very much any information that you can give us about Elizabeth Lincoln. Enclosed please find stamped envelope for reply.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS
Enc.

Director

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MRS. ALBERT LEROY BROWN ROCKY HILL GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 7,1939

Dr.Louis A.Warren,Editor
The Lincoln Kinsman
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:

Someone sent me a copy of your paper, the first I had seen. It is very interesting, and I note that you quote from "History of the Lincoln Family", by Waldo Lincoln. However, the data in which we would have been especially interested was omitted from this particular sheet. Possibly it had been given at some other time.

A correspondent wrote me some time ago that the book to which you refer also contains these items:

" William Ramsey Brown, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Alexander Brown, born Feb.17, 1816, Greeneville(Tenn.) died Aug.2,1902,Greeneville. His parents were from Ireland. He married,1st,Jan.15,1852,Mary Sophia Lincoln, (1833-1867),daughter of Mordecai Lincoln and his second wife. This Mordecai Lincoln was born in Virginia Nov.7, 1788, and died at Greeneville,Tenn. April 29,1851."

To the above data I can add the following,from family records: (William Ramsey Brown was my husband's great-uncle.)

Mordecai Lincoln married Sophia Heiskell,sister of Judge Heiskell, of Rogersville. This couple are buried in the old cemetery in Greeneville, Tennessee. The inscription states that Sophia Williams Heiskell was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1800, and died in Greeneville in 1873. Daughter, Mary Lincoln, married William Ramsey Brown Feb.14,1852.He was born Feb.17,1819. (Family Bible)

Children: (Family Bible)

Augusta Lincoln b. Feb.23,1853; d.July 22,1938
Sophia Bettie, b. Oct.30,1854; lives in Greeneville
William Heiskell b.Dec.7, 1857; d. 1925
Mary Gertrude b. Sept.12,1864;m. David Wilds; no children. Lives in Greeneville.

These ladies have often told me they were cousins of Abraham Lincoln, but they are old and deaf, and it is very hard to converse with them. They never gave me a clear record of Mordecai Lincoln. Said his father was John. I should like very much to know his exact descent.It must have been John, who married Mary Yarnall.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. A. L. Brown

July 25, 1939

Mrs. Albert Leroy Brown
Rocky Hill
Greeneville, Tenn.

My dear Madam:

A letter from Samuel H. Thompson, 1319 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. with reference to Mordecai Lincoln of Tennessee, has referred me to your letter of April 10 and I am surprised when I read my reply to you how little information I included.

Apparently I inferred that you were in possession of a history of the Lincoln family by Waldo Lincoln. If you are not, I will be pleased indeed to have photostat copies made of the pages which mention the history of the Mordecai Lincoln in which you are interested.

My intent in the near future is to prepare a little pamphlet on the Lincolns of Tennessee and any assistance which you may give me other than that already submitted would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

Mrs. Calvin Collins
Collegeville R. D. 1
Pennsylvania

May 15th 1939.

Dear Mr. Warren -

I appreciate your answer and regret that I did not include the information I do possess. I would have acknowledged your letter sooner but I have been waiting for a reply to a request for the dates of my grandfather and grandmother Lincoln who are buried in St. Mary's Church yard in Burlington N.J. I had the dates with some other papers but cannot find them. So far the Rector has not obliged me with an answer.

However - my grandfather was Samuel Lincoln, a carpenter and builder in Burlington N.J. a member of the

Baptist Church - on inquiring there for any records we learned that they ~~were~~ were kept in one man's head - he had died and the records were lost with him - Samuel Lincoln was related to the Sages perhaps his mother was a Sage - he had one sister, Mary Sage Lincoln - and he married Susannah Johnson - also of Burlington or near there - Samuel died before he reached 40 I believe and his wife survived him 16 years - my Father was Henry Eschleman Lincoln and he was born in 1857 - died in 1907 in Phila. Pa. He had one sister Mary Morgan Lincoln - the Mary Morgan had nothing to do with family - she was named for an old Quaker friend of the family - She was born in 1855 and died in 1925 in Burlington - She is also buried in St. Mary's Churchyard - There were, as far as we know - no close relatives by the name of Lincoln - Several years ago we received

Calvin Collins
Collegeville R. D. 1
Pennsylvania

notice of the death of one John(?) Gibbeson in Trenton - that is all a bit hazy as I don't really know how he was related. My Aunt said he was a cousin. Couldn't be very close -

We always thought the family came from Freehold or Thereabouts - but due to the fact that both grand parents died young - we haven't been able to learn much -

I have a Daguerrotype (?) of my Grandfather somewhere among my possessions. We have moved several times and have finally settled here on a small farm which we do not farm - So the house has been and still is in the process of re-modelling I have not unpacked every-thing - I also have a plated silver child's mug marked Fannie. It could

not be explained by my Aunt.

I notice several Samuel Lincolns and also a Fannie (1803-1888). I am ashamed to admit that I do not understand the letters before the names.

It may be that Mr. Lewis of St. Marys will not trouble to answer my request and if that is so I shall have to drive to Burlington and get the dates myself. Figuring their ages by my Father's they should be about. Samuel Lincoln B. 1821 D. 1859; Susannah J. " B. 1822 D. 1871

I thank you for "The Lincoln Kinsman" Is it published monthly?

I just came across an article from a Philadelphia news paper which was about a house in Burlington on Wood St. that Gen. Grant's family occupied during some of the Civil war. It might be those the Lincolns that they went there.

I surely would appreciate any help you may be able to give me.

Sincerely yours. Elizabeth Lincoln Collins

April 10, 1939

Mrs. Albert Leroy Brown
Rocky Hill
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Thank you very much for your information relating to the Lincoln family descendants from Mordecai Lincoln. It is quite true that Mr. Waldo Lincoln in his story of the Lincoln family contained practically all the information which you have enclosed with your letter and also published the will of Mordecai Lincoln and other interesting information.

Thank you, nevertheless, for calling this to our attention.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

May 18, 1939

Elizabeth Lincoln Collins
Collegeville R. D. 1
Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Even with the further information which you have been able to provide I have not been able to locate the Samuel Lincoln to whom you refer.

The one in Salem, Samuel Lincoln, was born at Pahasset, Massachusetts in 1811 and died in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1859. He had a son Samuel born in 1846 who died in the Civil War. This son's widow married a Mr. Fage.

That seems to be the closest we can find as to a Samuel Lincoln connected with a family by the name of Fage.

I regret very much indeed that we cannot help you further and I think it is quite likely that your people were descended from the two Lincoln brothers who settled in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

The Lincoln Kinsman is published monthly at a price of $2.00 per year.

Yours very truly,

LAW:EB

Director

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SAMUEL H. THOMPSON
1319 F ST., N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 19 1939

The Lincoln Kinsman
Fort Wayne Indiana

Dear Sirs:-

I am very much interested in your discussion of "Uncle Mordecai Lincoln" in your June issue. Now I would like to know about a "Cousin Mordecai Lincoln" who lived at Greeneville,Tennessee and performed the marriage ceremony between Andrew Johnson and wife,as a justice of the peace. He is buried in the old cemetery at Greeneville and has aged grand daughters living there.No one seems to know about him.There was an Isaac Lincoln,great uncle to the President, who lived near Elizabethton,Tenn.some 30 miles from Greeneville. President Andrew Johnson's daughter married a descendant of Isaac's heir,and the President died in this daughter's home,the room where he died being still preserved.

Please reply by letter about this Mordecai.

Yoirs very truly,

Samuel H Thompson

Enc. stamp .

July 25, 1939

Mr. Samuel H. Thompson
1319 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you indeed for your interesting letter of July 19 with respect to Mordecai Lincoln from Greeneville, Tennessee.

Some time ago I had a letter from Mrs. Albert Leroy Brown, Rocky Hill, Greeneville, Tennessee, with reference to this Mordecai Lincoln which you mention.

The story is quite well known, having been printed in Waldo Lincoln's history of the Lincoln family. Mardcai Lincoln of Tennessee was the son of John Lincoln, II of Rockingham County, Virginia, which would make him an own cousin to the Mordecai Lincoln of Kentucky and to Thomas Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's own father.

It appears as tFothe Kentucky and Tennessee Lincolns might be a title for a future issue of the Lincoln Kinsmen.

If you do not find available in Washington the history of the Lincoln family by Waldo Lincoln, possibly we might have photostatic copies made of the pages in which you are especially interested.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

1527 Virginia Park,
Detroit, Michigan.
October 21, 1939.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

This letter is written in reponse to yours of April 4th, and supplements my letter written March 10th in reply to Mr.Cook's query of February 8, 1939.

I have now proven to my own satisfaction that the following persons named in the nonecupative will of my g.g.g.grandmother, Rebecca Lincoln Rimel, in Sept., 1840 in Greene County, Tennessee, other than her own children (and their husbands or wives), were grandchildren of John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel, the children of their deceased daughter, Nancy Rimel and her husband Emanuel Good:

John Good
Jacob Good
John Fellers and Betsy his wife
I found the marriage bond of John Fellers and Betsy Good in Greene County, Tennessee, dated June 1, 1831
Asa Bailey and Delilah his wife
This should be Asa Bayless. In Nashville, Tennessee, last month I found the marriage bond of Asa Bayless and Delilah Good of Washington County, dated February 26, 1840. The return stated they were married February 29th by Reuben Bayless, M.G.

In my letter of March 10th I stated I had found the marriage bond for Emanuel Good and Nancy Rimel dated January 5, 1811, in Washington County,(the parent county of Greene), Tennessee. I also stated that I had found in Greene County Courthouse the marriage bond of John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel's daughter, Mary, and her one and only husband, John Bird, Jr., dated March 3, 1807. I gave you this to correct an error made by Waldo Lincoln on page 103.

I spent a pleasant evening in the home of Mr. Tom Starr recently, looking over his Lincoln library. He showed me the additional numbers of The Lincoln Kinsman which he has received. Noting the one entitled "Five Shipley Sisters", I mentioned to him that I had a friend who is related to the Lincoln family Shipleys. Mr. Starr said he thought you would be interested in this fact. If you care to send me one of these bulletins, I will be glad to pass it on to my friend and ask her to write you if she can give you any data.

I was also interested in the last bulletin, entitled "The Tennessee Lincolns". I had had a letter that very morning from my friend, Mrs. A. L. Brown of Greeneville, Tennessee, to whom you had previously sent some bulletins at my request, mentioning this particular number of The Lincoln Kinsman. Due to the general conversation I was able to just glance at Mr. Starr's copy, and I was very much disappointed to find no mention of my direct ancestors, Rebecca Lincoln, youngest child of John and Rebecca Flower Lincoln, and her husband John Rimel, who bought land in

Washington County, Tennessee as early as January, 1795, and in Greene County, Tennessee as early as 1808, making their permanent home in the latter county, where John Rimel died in 1828, and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel in 1840. They have descendants still living in that same locality.

Neither did I note, in my hurried look, any mention of Jesse Lincoln, son of John and Mary Yarnell Lincoln, who, as well as his brother, Mordecai Lincoln, settled in Greene County about 1815, according to Waldo Lincoln. This John Lincoln was a brother to Rebecca Lincoln Rimel.

I believe you mentioned a Hannaniah Lincoln as settling there. I have found no trace of him, at all.

If you would send me one of these bulletins, "The Tennessee Lincolns", I would like to look it over more carefully.

I was quite thrilled to visit the birthplace of President Lincoln near Hodgenville, Kentucky the last of August, and felt I was on hallowed ground. Early in September I visited the Lincoln Homestead near Harrisonburg, Virginia, built by John Lincoln some time after his removal from Pennsylvania in 1765. He was already living there when the deed was signed in 1768, for this deed mentions him as being of Augusta County. Rebecca Lincoln Rimel must have been born in that house April 18, 1767, for she is the only one of his children born in Virginia.

At Richmond, Virginia I learned that it might be possible to unearth some information about the activities of "Virginia" John Lincoln in the "Bounty Warrants for issuing supplies and provisions for the Continental Army", among the State Archives, in the unpublished manuscripts. I did not have the time to go into this. This might also bring to light something about his contemporary and neighbor, Philip Rimel, whom I have an idea may have been the father of John Rimel. Are you interested enough to have these Warrants searched for any information they might be hiding?

Very truly yours,

Ruth Peterson
(Mrs. Z. R.)

Tennessee

October 25, 1939

Mrs. Z. R. Peterson
1527 Virginia Park
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Peterson:

Thank you very much for your information about the Lincoln family in Tennessee that comes to me in your letter of October 23.

We regret indeed that we did not know some of this history before our Lincoln Kinsmen on the Tennessee Lincolns was published, as we would have been pleased to include especially the story of Jesse Lincoln and also mention of the Rimel family.

Under separate cover we are pleased to send you copies of the Kinsmen for which you inquired and possibly at some future date we will have an opportunity of incorporating in some of our publications the information about these other Tennessee Lincolns.

Very truly yours,

LAW:PW
L.A.Warren

Director

1527 Virginia Park,
Detroit, Michigan.
March 5, 1941.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Under date of February 8, 1939, at the suggestion of Mr. Tom Starr, your Mr. M. A. Cook wrote me a letter regarding the error in the list of children of John Rimel and Rebecca Lincoln, as given on page 103 of Waldo Lincoln's book, stating he would be most interested in having the correct list, so it might be corrected in future publications issued by you.

I gave this information to Mr. Cook, with my proofs, in my letter of March 10, 1939. These "corrections and additions" were acknowledged by you personally in a letter dated April 4, 1939.

In October, 1939 you issued your bulletin, "The Tennessee Lincolns", and I was quite surprised, and disappointed to see that you did not mention the family of John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel, of Greene County, Tennessee, about whom we had had the previous correspondence. This family had settled in Tennessee before 1790, and descendants are still living there.

I wrote you about this omission under date of October 21, 1939, giving you again the corrected list of the children of John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel, with definite and unquestionable proof. You personally replied to this letter on October 25, 1939, thanking me again for the information and stating that you "regretted indeed that you did not know some of this history before your Lincoln Kinsmen on the Tennessee Lincolns was published, as you would have been pleased to mention the Rimel family". This, after Mr. Cook's letter of February 8th, mine of March 10th, and yours of April 4th.

Just recently, in our library, I saw the bulletin "The Lincolns of Virginia", published in October, 1940. I was amazed to see the John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel family listed just as it is in Waldo Lincoln's book, in spite of the above-mentioned correspondence.

Under separate cover I am mailing you "The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine" for February, 1940 and February, 1941. On pages 97-100 of the former is my contribution, The Lincoln Lineage, page 100 carrying my branch of the line down through John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel and the correct list of children. Pages 93-96 of the latter issue contain my article, The Maternal Lines of the Lincolns, and page 108 calls attention to the above-mentioned error in the Waldo Lincoln book. I had previously mailed to you, early last summer, extra copies of pages 97-100 of the February, 1940 issue.

If you care to send them to me, I would be very glad to have your bulletins 15, 23,24, 28, and 29, copies of which I saw in our library recently.

Sent 3/7/41

We spent a very enjoyable period at the Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tennessee this past September, and were much interested in their Lincoln collection. As mentioned in my previous letters, I was greatly thrilled at seeing the birthplace of President Lincoln at Hodgenville, Ky., and the old Lincoln home ~~at~~ near Harrisonburg, Virginia, where my Rebecca Lincoln Rimel was born, during a motor trip in September, 1939.

I would be glad to have your comments, and remain

Very truly yours, Ruth Peterson (Mrs. J. R. Peterson)

March 7, 1941

Mrs. E. M. Peterson
1527 Virginia Park
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

Dr. Warren is at present on his western speaking itinerary and we do not expect him to return to the city until some time in April. Your letter will be referred to him at that time.

Under separate cover you will please find the copies of the Lincoln Kinsman which you requested.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Dr. Warren.

April 18, 1941

Mrs. Z. R. Peterson
1527 Virginia Park
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 5. My absence from the city for the past three months has made it impossible for me to acknowledge your note until now.

I think you have a right criticise very much for our negligence in properly handling the matter of the John and Rebecca Lincoln Rimel family. I do trust we may be able to file the information we have so that the next time we develop a story on the Lincoln family it will be historically accurate.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BST

Director

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1940

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Relatives of Abraham Lincoln Forced to Seek Work Relief

Herald Tribune—Rice

Nancy Lincoln, left, and her sister Tennessee Lincoln, granddaughters of the former President's second cousin

Distant Kin of Lincoln, on Relief, Wish He Were President Now

Granddaughters of Emancipator's Second Cousin Find New Deal Has Not Helped the Poor, and Feel Their Kinsman Could

Nancy and Tennessee Lincoln, who say they are distant fourth cousins of Abraham Lincoln, wish more than ever that he were in the White House today. Within the last two months Nancy Lincoln, who writes love stories for adults and folk tales for children, has been dropped from the Work Projects Administration rolls, she and her sister have been evicted from their apartment, and they have gone on relief.

The two sisters, who are granddaughters of Jesse Lincoln, a second cousin of President Lincoln, indicated yesterday that they believed their trouble originated in Washington. Both are lifelong Democrats, but they have come to the conclusion that the New Deal is not all milk and honey and that poor folk, such as themselves, are in just as great a rut as ten years ago when the depression first struck them. Only a man such as their illustrious relative, they feel, could save them from continued poverty and despair.

Nancy Lincoln, who is forty-seven years old, five years younger than her sister, was at the W. P. A. Teachers' Union office, 28 West Thirty-first Street, yesterday trying to get back her job as an author of supplementary textbooks for third-grade and fourth-grade children in the public schools. She was dismissed two months ago, after having worked for five years on the W. P. A. educational project. Her sister came along because she had nothing else to do.

Shows Old Clippings

They both looked undernourished —"You can't eat much and pay rent on $45 a month," Miss Nancy commented—and were dressed in faded, tattered clothes that might have been stylish in the '20s. But Miss Nancy was armed with a book of faded newspaper clippings to prove that it wasn't always that way. The clippings told about their childhood in Johnson City, Tenn., and about their father, John Mordecai Lincoln, who was a teacher and college graduate. One article was attached to a picture of Miss Nancy with the caption, "One of the South's most beautiful women." Another related with pride how Miss Nancy Lincoln, "the famous author," had accepted a position on the staff of "Gothamite," a now defunct publication here.

Miss Nancy likes to recall that in 1927 she was society correspondent at Alexandria Bay, N. Y., for twenty-four newspapers.

The sisters' trouble started when Miss Nancy's sight began to fail and the depression struck with full force in 1932. She lost her job because of her eyes, and was unable to obtain any other work. For three years the two sisters lived on her savings. She wrote 100 love stories for adults during that time, but none was published. She kept them in a storage warehouse, along with some furniture, all of which were confiscated when she was unable to pay the bill.

Made $21 a Week

Then, in 1935, Miss Nancy was hired by the W. P. A. school project. She got a bit more than $21 a week, and that kept the wolf from their door. During the next five years she wrote eleven original children's stories, such as "William's Busy Day," the story of a goat, which were published by the W. P. A. and now are widely used as supplementary reading material in the schools.

Disaster struck again two months ago, when her time on the W. P. A. expired. Because of the uncertainty of Congressional appropriations, she was not rehired after a month as is usually the case. Ten days ago the sisters were evicted from their apartment at 207 East Sixteenth Street because of non-payment of rent. They are now living in two rooms at 360 East Fourteenth Street.

But the sisters are not yet defeated. Miss Tennessee, a small, gray-haired woman, is full of vigor and good humor, and believes her younger sister is a great writer. She writes, too; in fact, she once wrote 100 religious stories for children which were published by the Baptist Sunday School Publishing Company, in Nashville, Tenn. Miss Nancy, who uses the pen name of Nanette Lincoln, now is doing a history of the W. P. A. school project.

Were Members of D. of C.

Having to accept relief was a blow to both of them. Living in the shadow of Lincoln, hearing their parents always talking of him and reading letters he had written to their grandfather, they came to accept self-reliance as a primary law of society.

"But what can you do?" Miss Nancy exclaimed with a sigh of resignation. "We have to eat, and I've spent everything I had. The $45 we get certainly isn't enough to pay for our rent and food."

The sisters were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Confederacy until recent years when "we had to stop—we couldn't pay the dues," according to Miss Nancy. They are descendants of Gen. Levi Lincoln and Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, of the Revolutionary War. Their grandfather, Jesse Lincoln, was a farmer and ran a general store.

William Levner, president of the W. P. A. Teachers Union, said he was going to Washington next week end to tell the state's Congressional delegation of the sisters' plight. He said he also would leave a memorandum at the White House.

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M. F. VALENTINE
ATTORNEY
HAMILTON NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

August 31, 1942.

Dr. Louis A. Warren
% Lincoln Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Dear Sir:

I had the pleasure some years ago to hear one of your splendid lectures on Abraham Lincoln. Following a most pleasant conversation with you I procured a copy of your book, Lincoln's Parentage. I prize the book and my brief visit with one who has made so great a study of the immortal Lincoln, most highly.

In doing some title abstracting work in Carter County, Tennessee, I have come across some detailed information that seems to supplement your statements that Isaac Lincoln, great uncle of the martyred President, left the old Virginia home and migrated to Tennessee. I submit this information as such for whatever value it may have in your studies in Lincolniana.

I shall set out sales to Isaac Lincoln, as shown by the Registered deeds, and follow same with sales by Lincoln.

A. John Carter to Isaac Lincoln, Deed Book "A", page 59 November 7, 1796. For 9 pounds, 9 shillings and 6 pence, 94 and 3/4 acres of land "On waters of Watauga River next to a 50 acre survey of said Lincoln".

B. Joseph Mason to Isaac Lincoln, Deed Book "A", page 134 November 11, 1796. For $12.00, One lot on Doe River. (Probably in the present village of Hampton)

C. William Smith to Isaac Lincoln, Deed Book "A", page 275. On November 10, 1800. For $220.00, 100 acres. (Just above a town to be laid out on Doe River". (Probably Hampton)

D. Christian Stover to Isaac Lincoln, Deed Book "A", page 512. On November 16, 1799. Lots 60 and 61. Consideration $200.00. "In a town to be laid out on Doe River" (Probably Hampton)

E. Elisha Abner to Isaac Lincoln, Deed Book "A", page 544. On October 4, 1805, for $400.00, 150 acres on Doe River.

F. Jacob Stover to Isaac Lincoln, Deed Book "B", page 179, On November 16, 1808, for $150.00, One Sorrell Mare.

G. George Emerett to Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger, Deed Book "B", page 373. On December 8, 1812, 170 acres of land "On the South bank of the Wataugah River".

H. John Carriger to Mary Lincoln, Deed Book "D", page 328

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On March 21, 1834, one tract 84 acres and one tract 34 acres of land, constituting a division of land in keeping with the agreement with Isaac Lincoln.

I. Johnson Hampton to MORDECIA Lincoln , Deed Book "D" page 372.
On March 13, 1834, 23 acres of land on the South bank of Watauga River.

This last item seems interesting also in view of the similarity of names in the Lincoln family.

Now for conveyances out:

A. Isaac LINKHORN to John Carter Deed Book "B" page 14 "On the 4th day of March in the year of our Lord and Christ, 1797" 303 acres. Consideration not shown.

B. Isaac Lincoln to Alfred Moore Carter, Deed Book "B", 18 On Dec. 6, 1804, for $100.00 Lots 60 and 61 on Doe River.

C. Isaac Lincoln to Daniel Stover, D. B. "B" page 243 One negro girl--Ruth--about 4 years old. Consideration: " Natural love for my kinsman"

D. Isaac Lincoln to Daniel Stover, Deed Book "B" page 377 On February 8, 1812, For $1000.00 , 149 acres of land.

E. Isaac Lincoln to Christian Carriger, D. B. "C", page 106 On December 21, 1815, for $350.00 One negro girl, Mahaila, 23 years old.

G. Isaac Lincoln to Isaac Lincoln Carriger, DB. "C", page 109: On November 13, 1815 " For love and affection for Isaac Lincoln Carriger, son of Col. Christian Carriger" One negro girl, Pricilla, aged 7.

H. Isaac Lincoln et al to George Emmertt, D.B. "C", 148 On June 7, 1813, for $290.00, 290 acres mountain land.

I. Mary Lincoln, Executorix of the estate of Isaac Lincoln to Godfrey Carriger, Deed Book "C", page 524.
On May 16, 1816, One negro girl, Violet--age 23.

J. Mary Lincoln, Executorix to John Carriger, D.B. "D", 307 On March 21, 1831, 304 acres of land on the south bank of the Watauga River, division of land.

K. Mary Lincoln, Executorix to Josiah Wilson D. B. "D" page 352.
On July 4, 1834, for $800.00, 250 acres of land on Doe River.

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I was impressed by the statement in your Lincoln's Parentage with the numerous claims to the place of birth of Abraham Lincoln. This came to mind forcibly in two interesting discussions I had with local citizens relative to the local interest to Carter Countians in the early Lincoln family. I did not find any exact knowledge of Isaac Lincoln, but a local minister has written a book on Lincoln's Parentage, and when I mentioned the subject to him and spoke of the Court records available in Kentucky definately establishing the place and time of birth this gentleman outlined his claim of the absolute truth of the matter. His story ran like this: Nancy Hanks was a house-servant in the home of one Enloe in Western North Carolina by whom she became pregnant, and being a sensative young woman she could not stand the attitude of the neighbourhood and left North Carolina and came to a point just out of Elizabethton, and some one placed her temporarily in the home of a man by the name of Lincoln who lived near Elizabethton, and while there she met Thomas Lincoln who was visiting in this kinsman's home, and he took Nancy to Kentucky with him. He further relates that Enloe several years afterward made a trip to Kentucky to see his off-spring, then called Abraham Lincoln, and upon approaching the log cabin of Thomas Lincoln saw Lincoln severely whipping the child and Enloe hastened to Thomas Lincoln and thrashed him within an inch of his life. Soon after this took place, he relates, Thomas Lincoln took Nancy and the child Abraham and moved to Indiana to avoid any further contact with Enloe.

This man seems to be spreading this idea of Lincoln's illegitimacy considerably.

On yesterday afternoon while down on the streets of Elizabethton I climbed up into a high chair of an old colored street shoe-shine, and while he was shining my shoes I asked him whether he ever knew of a relative of Abraham Lincoln living in Carter county. To this inquiry he replied:"I do not know about any relative, but do you see Lynn Mountain at the end of that street?". I replied that I did. He then said:"Abraham Lincoln was born just around the point of that mountain from here. I have talked with lots of old people that knew Nancy Hanks and remembered the boy. One of the old people that knew all about it was an old doctor that died several years ago, and he told me that his grandfather who was a doctor was the one who delivered Abraham Lincoln"

So, the stories of where Abraham Lincoln was born continue to be repeated, and believed by some people. I notice you make mention of both of these claims in your book above mentioned.

I am sending a copy of this data to Judge Charles W. Lusk of Chattanooga who is a Lincoln student of renown.

Very Sincerely,

M. F. Valentine

M. F. Valentine

September 2, 1942

Mr. M.F. Valentine
Hamilton National Bank Bldg.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

My dear Mr. Valentine:

Thank you very much for your very valuable references relating to Isaac Lincoln and they will have prominent filing with our history on the Tennessee Lincolns.

I regret exceedingly that the traditions of illegitimacy associated with Abraham Lincoln receive such wide acceptance when there is no single thought that would contribute to such a theory.

There may have been a great many and were several Nancy Hankses throughout North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia and possibly that fact alone would be sufficient to invite speculation.

Under separate cover I am taking occasion to send you two copies of the Lincoln Kinsman, one relating to the Tennessee connections and the other to Lincoln's maternity.

We publish a little bulletin here called Lincoln Lore that is sent out weekly to Lincoln students. I also enclose copies of the bulletin with the Kinsman.

If your friend, Judge Lusk,would like to have copies of the Lincoln Lore sent to him regularly without any expense or obligation whatever, we would be pleased indeed to place him as well as yourself on our mailing list.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

J. W STEPHENS, PRESIDENT

JOHN F. DEAN, CASHIER

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BEREA, KENTUCKY

Nov. 11th. 1943

Dr. Joseph A. Warren,

Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Doctor Warren:

Some two or three years ago you gave me information that John Dean married Sarah Lincoln, a great aunt of the President.

I am positive that this John Dean was my ancestor John Dean who settled in Eastern Kentucky around 1790 but I would like to have some public records that would prove it. All the proof I now have is the traditional claim of the Deans that they were related to the President.

Abraham Dean, my great-grandfather, was a son of John Dean and had a brother Tom, a brother Isaac, a brother Jacob and a sister Rebecca.

If you can tell from your files where the information was found that Sarah Lincoln married John Dean, I might be able to find some records that would give me some more information.

I am enclosing $5.00 for any expense that you might need in this connection.

Yours truly,

John F. Dean

November 23, 1943

Mr. John F. Dean
Berea Bank & Trust Co.
Berea, Ky.

Dear Mr. Dean:

We received your letter with respect to the inquiry about John Dean. After the Thanksgiving holidays we will give some attention to your request.

We cannot receive money, however, for such favors, so we are trturning your check herewith.

Very truly yours,

LAW:MB

Director

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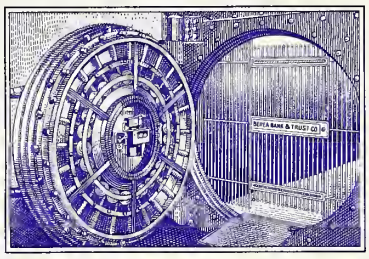

SAFETY VAULT

Jan. 20, 1948

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

While checking over some letters today I found the letter you wrote Sept. 9th. regarding the Sarah Lincoln marriage to John Dean. Also included in this envelope was a copy of the Lincoln Kinsman Number 28 of Oct. 1940. I doubt if I acknowledged receipt of this letter as I found it at my home. I always write my letter at my office.

I want to thank you for the letter and the enclosure and will gladly pay you if you will accept anything. You supplied me with the first information I had on this some years ago. It came about in this way. On a trip to Washington with my family I stopped at Harrisonburg Va. and searched the Clerks records to see if I could find any information, and was looking especially for a marriage certificate for my ancestor John M. Dean with some member of the Lincoln family. My fathers relatives, who lived in Knox County, Ky. had told him that the Deans were related to the Lincolns but did not tell him how the relationship occurred. When quite a young man I borrowed a mule from my father and rode through Jackson and Clay Counties, a distance of about 80 miles to Flat Lick in Knox County. I saw Matt Dean, A cousin of my fathers, a Mr. Howard, an uncle by marriage and the information they gave me was that the Lincoln relatioship came through the Hanks connection. Years later I got hold of Wm. E. Barton' Life of Lincoln and was convinced that the relationship did not come from the Hanks farily and must have come from the Lincoln side.

While in the Court House at Harrisonburg the Clerk told me to see Miss I. E. Converse, a genealogist. She wrote to a Lincoln Historian Rufus Rockwell Wilson, of New York, I believe and he gave her your name. She wrote you and you sent her the copy of the Kinsman that gave the Marriage of Sarah Lincoln to John Dean. While I am positive that this John Dean was my Great, Great Grandfather I am not able to prove it except by tradition which is not considered very authentic.

You wrote me once that this John Dean was supposed to have moved to Greenville, Tenn back in the 1790's and I went to Greenville and found where a John Dean had disposed of 50 acres of land but the Tennessee law did not require the signature of the wife so I did not get much comfort from this. I mean to write to the Clerk of the Rockingham County Court for a certified copy of the John Lincoln Will.

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SAFETY VAULT

My wife is quite a DAR enthusiast so she wants me to find out if John Lincoln fought in the American Revolution.

If you have any record of this I would appreciate your sending it to me. I tell her even if John Lincoln was in the Revolution it would be necessary to establish the relationship by public records. She thinks that reference to the Kinsman would be sufficient. Maybe so but I doubt it.

Thanking you again for the very interesting and valuable information given me.

Yours very truly,

John F Dean

After writing the above I went over to our Berea College Library and asked for the Waldo Lincoln History. They did not have it but I found the Life of Lincoln written by you and was very much interested to know that you once lived at Elizabethtown. I did not know that you had written a Life of Lincoln. I wonder if you know where I could find the Waldo Lincoln History.

J. F. D

John died 1788 at 72 years of age

1716
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April 28, 1944

Mr. John F. Dean
Berea Bank and Trust Co.
Berea, Ky.

My dear Mr. Dean:

I shall have to write this note with an apology and I fear it will be little less than an apology, but I just now find myself able to give some time to your query presented away back last November.

I believe the $5.00 which you forwarded was returned and I might say that we accept no compensation for any help we may be to those who are trying to show some relation to the Lincoln family.

You will please find enclosed a little bulletin which I am pleased to send with my compliments and if you feel that we are on the right track with respect to this John Dean mentioned there, possibly we can make some further discovery.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:EB
Enc.

January 30, 1948

Mr. John F. Dunn
Berea Bank and Trust Company
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Dunn:

We regret to advise you that Dr. Warren is at present on an extensive speaking itinerary to the Pacific coast and points west, not returning to the office until the middle of March.

I will bring your letter to his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Warren

March 24, 1948

Mr. John F. Dean
Berea Bank and Trust Company
Berea, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Dean:

Just back at my office after a long speaking itinerary on the Western Coast and find your letter of January 20 making inquiries about the Dean family. I find that there were in Rockingham County as early as 1809 two marriages, one of a Thomas Dean and another of a Catherine Dean. Also, I find much earlier that there were members of the Dean family living in the general community where the Lincolns lived in the Shenandoah Valley.

I do not know where you would be able to find one of the Waldo Lincoln's History. They are out of print and held at quite an excessive figure, about $20.00, I believe.

With respect to John Lincoln having fought in the Revolutionary War, I rather feel he was too old for such an enterprise, as he died in 1788 at 72 years of age.

I trust you may be successful in finding the history of the Dean family and their association with the Lincolns.

Very truly yours,

LAW:HB

Director

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BEREA, KENTUCKY

April 28, 1944

Louis A. Warren,

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren: I accept your apology for not answering my letter of last November sooner. I did not want to worry you furthur in this matter as I supposed that the note in the Kinsman number 28 was all you had concerning Sarah Lincoln. But I was so anxious to find some public record in the matter that I felt that it might be barely possible that your notes would give me a lead that I might follow in searching for more information.

All the information I had until I received your copy of the Kinsman was the traditional account that had been handed down for many years that the Deans were related to President Lincoln. No one seemed to know how. My father's uncle George Dean who moved from Eastern Kentucky forty odd years ago wrote me that this relationship came through the Hanks family and I accepted this in my younger days but a few years ago I decided to make some investigation and I found from Bartin's History of Lincoln that this Hanks Relationship could not be ture and concluded that the relationship had to come from the Lincolns.

My Great, Great Grandfather was a John Dean who settled in Knox County of Eastern Kentucky some time in the 1790's. He lived in that section until his death and is buried there. No one living now seems to know his wife's name.

There seems to be no doubt that the relationship exists. About five years ago I contacted another branch of the Dean family the great grandson of another son of John Dean and he told me that he had heard his grandmother say many times that her husbands father and Abraham Lincoln were first cousins.

I doubt if you have any data in your office that would assist me in establishing the relationship by public records but if you should locate anything I will appreciate very much your writing me. One of my sons worked in Ft. Wayne one year before he was called to the war and i asked him to call upon you but he never got around to doing so.

Yours sincerely,

John F Dean

Thos R. of Franklin

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Lexington, Ky.

April 20, 1944.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Director, Lincoln Natl. Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Sorry I didn't get a chance sooner to reply to yours of March 30. The book arrived--ma ny, many thanks.

Wish I could have attended the Filson Club meeting and heard your address. I have longed to attend several meetings, upon receiving notices, but travel is hard on me since my prolonged illness.

While copying items from the old newspapers at the Library, since I last wrote you, I saw a notice of a found "Stray Horse" by "Father" David Rice, who said he was residing in Jessamine County "one mile from Higbee's Mill"--so that accounts for his being easily available to Mrs. Thomas Lincoln and her children (a son married "Father" Rice's daughter) when Lincoln went on a"bender" and threatened to give away the farm and all accessories.

Since I am just concluding several letters to get into the night's mail in 15 minutes, I presume I will have to close.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. Frank Dunn

C. Frank Dunn.

SOME LINCOLN HISTORY

Watauga Valley Furnishes Rich Pages of Early Narrative of Great American Family.

BY CHARLES ROY VANCE

Watauga Valley Furnishes Rich Pages of Early Narrative of Great AmericanFamily.

We are indebted to our favorite philosopher, Pierce W. Julian of Roan Mountain, Tennessee for a clipping from the Hamilton County Herald printed some 50 years ago in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There have been many similar stories written about the great Emancipator, Abe Lincoln but we believe this reprint of this clipping will be of interest to many people living in this section, so rich in early history.

"In a country graveyard in the beautiful Watauga Valley in Carter county, Tennessee, there are two graves, the tombstones of which bear the following inscriptions, viz;

Sacred
to the memory of
Isaac Lincorn
who departed this life
June 10th 1816
Age about 64 years.

Sacred
to the memory of
Mary Lincoln
who departed this life
August 27, 1834
Age about 76 years.

The reader will note that here the name is spelled Lincorn instead of Lincoln, but this was likely to occur in those days. The Isaac Lincorn or Lincoln mentioned here was the great uncle of Abraham Lincoln. Isaac Lincoln and Daniel Stover, Sr., married sisters, their maiden names being Ward. To the union of Isaac and Mary Lincoln no children were born, but to Daniel Stover and wife several children were born, and one of these, named William Stover lived with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, and inherited their estate, which consisted of four fine farms in the Watauga Valley and a large number of slaves and other property.

William Stover's son, Colonel Dan Stover, married a daughter of the late President Andrew Johnson, and a son of Colonel Dan Stover, Andrew Johnson Stover, who now lives in Carter County, Tennessee, and Honorable Andrew Johnson Patterson, of Greenville, Tennessee, are the only living grandsons of Andrew Johnson. It was here at the Stover farm that Andrew Johnson, while on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Daniel Stover, died July 31, 1875.

It was also at the Stover farm when it was property of Isaac and Mary Lincoln, that Thomas Lincoln, the father of Abraham Lincoln worked for awhile as a farm hand for his uncle Isaac. (See Holland's "Life of Lincoln" Nicolay and Hays "Life of Lincoln,").

Tradition says it was here in the beautiful Watauga Valley, so rich in history, that the young Thomas Lincoln first met and wooed the gentle Nancy Hanks, whose name was destined to become immortal through the achievements of her illustrious son. Tradition further says that for awhile, before Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks left for Kentucky, they lived for a time together as common law husband and wife in a little cabin on Lynn Mountain, which overlooks the Watauga Valley. I have been informed that old people in that vicinity still recall the site of what was known as the Tom Lincoln cabin, and traces ofthe spot where the cabin stood still remain in the way of stone foundations etc.

It is also the tradition in that vicinity that when Thomas Lincoln, Nancy Hanks and other members of the Hanks family left Kentucky they went by what was then and now known as the Stony Creek Trail. Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were legally married in Kentucky.

It seems a little singular that the life of Andrew Johnson in a way should be interwoven with the name of Lincoln, whom he succeeded as President of the United States. When he married Miss Eliza McCardle, at Greenville, Tennessee, it was Square Mordecia Lincoln, a relative of Abraham Lincoln who performed the ceremony. His daughter Mary, married Col. Dan Stover, the great-nephew of Isaac Lincoln. There is no spot of America soil more historic than the Watauga Valley. It was here that the Watauga Association set up the first free and independent government upon the continent. It was here that King's Mountain boys gathered from the valleys and hills to go and fight one of the decisive battles of the American Revolution.

If tradition be true, it was here that the father of Abraham Lincoln first met Nancy Hanks. It was here that Andrew Johnson died. It was in Carter County that Admiral S. P. Carter was born. It was here that the beloved Robert L. Taylor learned his first lessons in eloquence and patriotism. It is a country of equisit vales and majestic mountains, where the people have the independenct of the eagle and the courage of the mountain lions."

The above story was written by B. Clay Middleton who wrote a booklet on the beauties of this section of East Tennessee.

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BOOK "B" PAGE 14. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE

THIS INDEBTURE, made this the fourth day of March in the yearx of our Lord and Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven between Isaac Linkhorn of Wataugah of the one part and John Carter of the same place of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Isaac Linkhorn for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds to him in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said Isaac Linkhorn doth hereby acknowledge, hath bargained, granted and sold, aliened, ebfoeffed, released and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfoeff, release and confirm unto the said John Carter, his heirs and assigns forever, all that seat, tract or parcel of land situate and being on the North side of Doe River known by the name of the flagpond, Bounded as follows to wit; Beginning at a red oak near the top of a mountain thence south fifty five East two hundred and sixty six poles to a post oak, then north thirty five east one hundred and eighty two poles to a Spanish oak, thence north thirty five west two hundred and sixty six poles to a red oak, thence south thirty five west one hundred and eighty two poles to the beginning, containing three hundred and three acres more or less, and also the reversion or reversoins, remainder or remainders, Rents and services thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns of, in, and to the said tract or parcel of land, and of, in and to every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said seat, tract or parcel of land and premises unto the said John Carter his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said John Carter his heirs and assigns forever the said Isaac Linkhorn for hemself his heirs executorsand administrators doeth covenant with the said John Carter his heirs and assigns by these presents that him the said Isaac Linkhorn and his heirs, the said seat, tract or parcel of land unto the said John Carter his heirs and assigns will forever warrant and forever defend from all persons claiming or to claim from, by or under him or them, or any of them. In Witness whereof the said Isaac Linkhorn hath heretnto set his hand, affixed his seal, the day and year first above written.

Ack. Isaac Lincoln (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the
presence of:
Jas. Smith
Tho. Houghton.

State of Tennessee, Carter County. May Session One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six, this deed was acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be Registered.

Test. Geo. Williams, Clk. Carter County.

Registered July 22nd., 1806.

BOOK " A" PAGE 59. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE REGISTER'S OFFICE.

THIS INDENTURE, made this seventh day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Six between Landon Carter of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee of the one part and Isaac Lincoln of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Landon Carter for and in consideration of the sum of nine pounds, nine shillings and six pence to me in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof doth hereby acknowledge himself herewith fully satisfied, contented and paid, doth give, grant, alien, enfoeff, convey and confirm unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Carter county aforesaid on the waters of Watauga River, and joining a fifty acre survey of said Lincoln, Beginning at a whete oak with pointers, thence South 40° West twenty eight poles to a stake with pointers, thence South 25° Et. sixty eight poles to a Spanish oak, then South 54° East fifty eight poles to a stake with pointers on said Lincoln's line, then South with said line thirty one poles to a whiteoak and Spanish oak, then South 10° East thirty seven poles to a red oak, thence South 30° East twenty six poles to a Spanish oak, thence No. 80° East one hundred twenty poles to a Spanish oak, thence No. 5° east one hundred twenty poles to a small white oak on a hill side, thence a direct course to the begenning, containing ninety-four acres and three quarters of an acre, the said courses and boundary including the said fifty acres of thesaid Lincoln's, together with the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the said bargained premises unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs, exors. admrs. and assigns forever and I the said Landon Carter for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns do forever warfant and defend the above named premises from the claim of any persons claiming under me or them as aforesaid unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs exors. admrs., and assigns.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Ack. Landon Carter (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in
the presence of:
Nathl. Folsom.

Carter County, January Term 1797, this deed was acknowledged in open Court by Landon Carter and legally admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test: Geo. Williams C. C.

Registered April 7, 1797.

BOOK " A " PAGE 134. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Six between Joseph Mason of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee of the one part and Isaac Lincoln of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Joseph Mason for and in consideration of the sum of twelve dollars to him in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof doth hereby acknowledge himself herewith fully satisfied, contended and paid doth give, grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns forever, a certain lott No. 25, containing one half acre, lying in a town laid out on the land of said Sam Tipton on the No. East side of Doe River in the County of Carter agreeable to a plan of the same. Beginning at a stake on second street, thence No. 15° Wt/ twenty poles to a stake, thence So. 75° Wt. four poles to a stake, thence 15° Et. four poles to a stake, thence No. 75° Et. at Second street four poles to the beginning, together with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging. To have and to hold the said bargained premises unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs, executors, admrs., and assigns forever with all the appurtenances thereto belonging and I, the said Joseph Mason for myself, my heirs, executors and admrs and assigns do by these presents forever warrant and defend the above named Lott as above described unto the said Isaac Lincoln from the claim of any person whatsoever as afree estate in fee simple.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

In the presence of Landon Carter and Alexander Greer, Jurat.

Joseph Mason (Seal)

Carter County, January Term 1798, this deed was legally admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test: Geo. Williams C. C.

Registered January the 16, 1798.

BOOK " A " PAGE 512. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made and entered into this the sixteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord Our Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine between Christian Stover of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee of the one part and Isaac Lincoln of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Christian Stover for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to him in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of the presents the receipt and payment whereof doth hereby acknowledge himself fully satisfied, contented and paid, doth give, grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns forever two Lotts of land lying in the town laid out on the land of Samuel Tipton on the North East side of Doe River Lott No 60 and Lott No. 61 containing and bounded as agreeable to the plan of said town together with all the rights, priviledges and appurtenances thereto belonging. To have and to hold the said bargained premises unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs, Executors and admrs., and assigns forever, and I, the said Christian Stover, for myself my heirs, executors admrs and assigns doth forever warrant and defend the said two tracts of land with all the appurtenances thereto belonging from the claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever as an indefeasable right in fee simple.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Ackd. Christian Stover (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
Nathl. Folsom
Christian Stover Jnr.

State of Tennessee, Carter County, February Session 1805, this deed was acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be Registered.

Test: Geo. Williams Clk.

Registered May 23rd., 1805.

This indenture made this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred between William Smith of the County of Cumberland and State of Kentucky of the one part and Isaac Lincoln of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee of the other part, Witnesseth that the said William Smith for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred twenty dollars to him in hand paid by the said Isaac Lincoln the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge myself fully satisfied, contented and paid hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns forever all that trace or parcel of land situate lying and being in Carter County, Tennessee, on Doe River joining Elisha Abner, Beginning on a large spruce pine on the west bank of doe river running south fifty three poles to a sourwood on the side of a hill, thence west one hundred seventy nine poles to a stake in the Laurel branch, thence down said branch north ten degrees East ten poles to a stake in the branch, it being a conditional line, thence north forty-five degrees East twenty poles to a maple, thence north fifty degrees East nine poles to a Spanish Oak corner to James Campbell, thence north twenty-three degrees East twelve poles to the mouth of said branck to a stake, thence up the meanders of said Doe River to the beginning, containing One hundred acres be the same more or less. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging also the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereunto belonging unto the said Isaac Lincoln and him the said William Smith doth covenant and agree with the said Isaac Lincoln that he the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times and forever hereafter peaceable have, occupy, possess and enjoy the aforesaid land and premises together with all and every of its appurtenances without the let or trouble molestation or interruption of him the said William Smith his heirs or assigns or any and every other person or persons claiming or to claim by, from or under him the said William Smith for myself my heirs, executors and admrs., and assigns do forever warrant and defend the above tract or parcel of land unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs &c. from the claim of any person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claim, as an indefeasable right in fee simple. In witness whreof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Ackd. William Smith (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

State of Tennessee, Carter County, November Session 1800. This deed was acknowledged by William Smith in open Court and legally admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test. Geo. Williams C. C. C.

Registered January 12, 1801.

BOOK " B " PAGE 18, CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made and entered into this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four between Isaac Lincoln of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, of the one part and Alfred Moore Carter of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Isaac Lincoln for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred dollars to him in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents and the receipt and payment whereof doth hereby acknowledge himself herewith fully paid, satisfied and contented, doth give, grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said Alfred M. Carter his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever two Lotts of land lying in the town laid out on the land of Samuel Tipton on the north east side of Doe River, Lott No. 60 and Lott No. 61, containing and bounded as agreeable to theplan of said town, together with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging. T have and to hold the said bargained premises unto the said Alfred Moore Carter his heirs, exors., admrs., and assigns, doth forever warrant and defend the said two Lotts of land with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging from the claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever as an indefeasable right in fee simple.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Isaac Lincoln (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
Isaac Drake
William Campbell Jurat.

State of Tennessee, Carter County, May Session One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six, this deed was proven in open Court by William Campbell one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test: Geo. Williams, Clk. Carter CO.

Regsitered July 23rd., 1806.

BOOK " A " PAGE 544. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five between Elisha Abner of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, of the one part and Isaac Lincoln of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said Elisha Abner for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to him in hand paid by the said Isaac Lincoln the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge myself fully satisfied, contented and paid, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land on the east side of Doe River, a branch of Watauga, it being part of a tract of land granted by the State of North Carolina to the said Elisha Abner, Beginning at a stake in the said Doe River eight poles due east from Simpkins' corner on a large Spanish oak, running up the meanders of said river South fifty-five degrees west thirteen poles to a stake in said river, thence up the said river south thirteen degrees East sixteen poles to a stake, thence up the said river South twenty degs. East twenty poles to a stake in said river, thence up said river South seventy-two degs. East fourteen poles to a stake in said river, thence up said river South fifty degs. East thirty polesto a stake in said river, thence up said river South eighteen poles to a stake in said river, thence up said river South sixty three degs. East sixteen poles to a stake in said river, thence up the said river South twelve degs. East eight poles to a stake in said river, thence up said river South forty-two degs. East eighteen poles to a stake in said river, thence South thirty-nine degs. West twelve polesto a stake in said river, thence South sixty-six degs. East twenty four poles to a stake in said river, thence up said river North six degs. East sixteen poles to a stake in said river, thence north sixty-four degs. East seventy four poles to a stake in said river, thence north twelve degs. West twenty poles to a stake in said river, thence up said river north nineteen poles to a stake, thence South seventy nine degs. East twelvy-six poles to a stake in said river, thence South forty eight degs. thirty-four poles to a stake in said river, thence south fifty-nine degs. East forty-eight poles to a spruce pine on the west bank of said river, corner to William Smith, thence North one hundred and seven poles to a maple and dogwood corner to Ann Mulkey, thence West two hundred and ninety two poles to the beginning, containing one hundred and fifty acres, and three quarters and sixteen poles. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, also the reversion or reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereunto belonging unto the said Isaac Lincoln, that he the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter peacebly have, occupy, possess and enjoy the aforesaid land and premises together with all and every its appurtenances without let, trouble, molestation or interruption of him the said Elisha Abner his heirs or assigns or any and every other person or persons claiming or to claim from or under himthe said Elisha Abner for myself my heirs, executors, admrs., and assigns do forever warrant and defend the abobe tract or parcel of land unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns &c. from the claim of any other person or persons whatsoever claiming or to claim as an indefeasable right in fee simple.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Elisha Abner (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
his
Jamesx Peters
mark

Thomas C. Patton Jurat

State of Tennessee, Carter County, November Session 1805, the within deed of convayance was proven in open Court by Thomas C. Patton, and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test: Geo. Williams, Clerk.

Registered Febaurry 15th., 1806.

BOOK " B " PAGE 179. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I Jacob Stover of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee for the full consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt and payment whereof doth hereby acknowledge myself herewith fully satisfied, contented and paid, doth bargain sell, convey and comfirm unto Isaac Lincoln One Sorrell Mare four years old past, to the only and proper use of the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and assigns forever and I the said Jacob Stover do forever warrant and forever will defend the said property unto the said Isaac Lincoln his heirs and asigns forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of November 1808.

his
x
Jacob Stover
mark

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
Daniel Stover.

State of Tennessee, Carter County, November Session One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight, the within Bill of Sale was acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test: Geo. Williams, clk.

State of Tennessee, Carter County

The within Bill of Sale with certificate was duly registered in the Register's Office of said County the 4th., day of January, 1809.

By Godfrey Carriger, Register C. C.

BOOK " B " PAGE 243. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

TO ALL PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME I, ISAAC LINCOLN OF CARTER COUNTY AND STATE OF TENNESSEE, SEND GREETINGS: Know that I, the said Isaac Lincoln, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection I have and bear unto Daniel Stover, my kinsman, of the County and State aforesaid, and for divers other good causes and considerations me hereunto moving, have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Daniel Stover one negro girl, named Ruth, about four years old &c. To have and to hold the above named negro girl and her increase forever unto the said Daniel Stover, his heirs and assigns, executors and administrators against all persons wh atsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of February, 1810.

Attest. Isaac Lincoln L. S.

State of Tennessee, Carter County, February Session One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten the within deed of gift was acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Given under my hand and the seal of my office at Elizabethton this 14th., day of February, 1810.

Geo. Williams, Clerk.

State of Tennessee, Carter County.

The within deed of gift with the certificate was duly registered in the Register's Office of said County. This 23rd., day of March, 1810.

Godfrey Carriger, Register

Carter County.

ISAAC LINCOLN
TO
DANIEL STOVER
149 ACRES.

This indenture made and entered into this eighth day of February eighteen hundred and twelve between Isaac Lincoln of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, of the one part and Daniel Stover of the same place. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to me in hand paid by the said Stover before the ensealing and delivery, the receipt whereof by me is acknowledged and myself contented and paid hath bargained and sold and doth by these presents grant, bargain and sell, enfeoff, convey and make over unto the said Daniel Stover his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land whereon the said Stover now lives in the County of Carter aforesaid, and bounded as follows: Beginning on a small white oak on the side of the hill and pointers, thence south five D. west one hundred and twenty poles to a spanish oak, thence south eighty D. west one hundred and twelve poles to a spanish oak, thence north thirty D. west twenty six poles to a black oak stump, thence north ten D. west thirty seven poles to a spanish oak, thence north thirty one poles to a white oak, thence north fifty four D. west eighty poles to a stake and pointers two white oak and black oak, thence north twenty five D. west sixty eight poles to a stake and pointers a white oak and a small sourwood thence north thrity D. East twenty eight poles to a stake, thence South seventy two D. east two hundred poles to the beginning, containing one hundred and forty nine acres be the same more or less, which bargained premises with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any manner appertaining to be and forever remain the property of Daniel Stover and heirs from me and my heirs and all and every other person lawfully claiming the same. As a sure and indefeasable rite of inheritance in fee simple.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal the day and years first written.

Isaac Lincoln (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered

State of Tennessee, Carter County, February Session one thousand eight hundred and thirteen the within deed was exhibited and acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Given under my hand and the seal of office, this 8th., day of February, 1812.

Geo. Williams, Clk.

State of Tennessee, Carter County

The within deed with its certificate was duly registered in the register's office of said County, this 27th., day of March A. D. 1813.

Godfrey Carriger, Regr.

BOOK " B " PAGE 372. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made this 8th., day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve between George Emert, Senr. of the one part and Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger of the other part, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars to him the said George Emert, Senr. in hand paid by the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said George Emert doth hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed unto the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger, their heirs and assigns forever a tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Carter and State of Tennessee on the north side of Watauga River containing by estimation two hundred and ninety seven acres being a part of a tract of three hundred and fifty two acres originally granted to Joshua Houghton Senr. Beginning at a white oak and running thence west three hundred poles down the River to a walnut tree, thence north twenty degrees East two hundred and ninety two poles along Jacob Chamberlain's line to a white oak, thence South thirty five degrees East ninety two poles to a pine, then north eighty four degrees East forty poles to a pine, then north fourteen degrees east one hundred ten poles along the side of a knob to a white oak, then south twenty degrees East two hundred ninety two poles to the beginning, and all houses, buildings, orchards, ways, waters and water courses, profits, commodities, hereditiments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises hereby granted or any part thereof belonging or in anywise appertaining and the remainder, and remainders, reversion and reversions, rents, issues and profits thereof and all the estate, right, title and interest, property claim and demand wharsoever of the said George Emert or his heirs of and to the said tract or parcel of land and of, in and to every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said seat, tract or parcel of land and premises unto the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger their heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger their heirs and assigns forever. And I, the said George Emert, his heirs and assigns by these presents that he the said George Emert and his heirs the said seat, tract or parcel of land unto the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger their heris and assigns will warrant and forever defend from all persons claiming the same. In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

George Emert (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
Christian Stover
Parnauns Lovelace
John x Holton Senr.

State of Tennessee, Carter County, February Session One Tgousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen, the within deed was exhibited and acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be registered. Given under my hand and the seal of office this the 8th., day of February in the year of our Lord 1813.

Geo. Williams, Clk.

State of Tennessee, Carter County.
The within deed with certificate was duly registered in the Register's office of said county, this 13th., day of February 1813.

Godfrey Carriger Register
By Robert Blackmore, D. R.

BOOK " B " PAGE 373. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made the eighth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve between George Emert, senior, of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, of the one part and Godfrey Carriger, Christian Carriger and Isaac Lincoln of the County and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said George Emertt,Senior for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Godfrey Carriger, Christian Carriger and Isaac Lincoln their heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land, containing one hundred seventy acres be the same more or less lying and being in the County of Carter and State aforesaid, Beginning at a black oak on the River bank on the north side of Wataugah a corner of said Emert running west three hundred poles to a white walnut near to the bank of the river, another corner of said Emert, thence north twenty deg. east two hundred and ninety two poles to a white oak a corner to said Emert, thence East eighty six poles to a white oak, a corner of Redman, thence north along said Redman's line one hundred and thirty six poles to a white oak, a corner of Landon Carter, thence west with said Carter's line sixty six poles to a large chestnut, Dyer's corner, thence south eighty degrees west with said Dyer's line forty six poles to a hickory, a corner of Maxfield, thence south one hundred and eighty poles to a white oak, corner to said Maxfield, thence west twenty five poles with said Maxfield's line to a stake, corner to Hendricks, thence south twenty two degrees west one hundred and six poles with said Hendrick's line to a stake, thence east thirty six poles to a dead white oak with two balck oak pointers, thence south twenty degrees west one hundred and forty five poles to a stake, thence south seventy deg. east one hundred and thirty two poles to a stake, thence east one hundred poles to a stake, thence north fifty five deg. East one hundred poles to the beginning, originally granted to the said George Emert, senr. by Grant from North Carolina No. 1240 bearing date the tenth day of April 1797, with all and singular the woods, ways, waters and water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said tract of land belonging or in any way appertaining and the reversion or reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues thereof and all the estate, right, title, interest, property claim and demand of him the said George Emert, Senior, his heirs and assigns forever of, in and to the same and every part and parcel thereof, either in law or equity. To have and to hold the said one hundred and seventy acres of land, with the appurtenances, unto the said Godfrey Carriger, Christian Carriger and Isaac Lincoln their heirs and assigns forever against the lawful title claim and demand of him the said George Emert, Senr., his heirs, executors, administrators, will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said George Emert Senr. hath hereunto set hand and seal the day and year above written.

George Emert (Seal)
ack. paid.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
Christian Stover
Paramus Lovelace
John his X Helton
mark

State of Tennessee, Carter County, February Session One thousand eight hundred and thirteen, the within deed was exhibited and acknowledged in open Court and admitted to record. Let it be registered. Given under my hand and the seal of my office this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord 1813.

Geo. Williams, Clk.

State of Tennessee, Carter County. The within deed with the certificate was duly registered in the register's office of said county, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1813.

Godfrey Carriger, Reg.
By Robert Blackmore, Dpty.

This indenture made this seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen between Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger of the one part and George Emert Junr., and Andrew Emert, all of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, of the other part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to them in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release and confirm unto the sd. George Emert, Junr., and Andrew Emert their heirs and assigns forever a tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid on the north side of Watauga river, containing by estimation two hundred and ninety seven acres, being a part of a three hundred and fifty two acres granted to Joshua Houghtan, Junion, Beginning on a white oak running thence west down the river to a walnut tree, thence north twenty deg. East two hundred and ninety two poles along Jacob Chamberlain's line to a white oak, then thirty five deg. East ninety two poles to a pine , then north fourteen deg. East one hundred and ten poles along the side of a Nob to a white oak, then South twenty deg. East two hundred ninety two poles to the beginning, and all houses, orchards, ways, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the sd. premises hereby granted or any part thereof belonging or in any way appertaining, the reversion, remainder, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, claim and demand whatsoever of the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger their heirs and assigns of, in and to the said tract of land. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land unto the said George Emert, Junr., and Andrew Emert their heirs and assigns and the said Isaac Lincoln, Godfrey Carriger and Christian Carriger will warrant and forever defend from the lawful claim of themselves theirs or any person or persons claiming by, from or through them in as full and ample a manner as George Emert, Senr., conveyed the said lands to them and no further, unto the said George Emert, Jr. and Andrew Emert their heirs and assigns.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

Isaac Lincoln (Seal)
Godfrey Carriger (Seal)
Christian Carriger (Seal.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:
Robert Gourley Jurat.
Thos. Tipton Jurat.

State of Tennessee, Carter County, August Session One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirteen, the within deed was proven in open Court by Robert Gourley and Thomas Tipton and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Given under my hand and the seal of my office this 10th day of August, 1813.

Geo. Williams Clk.

State of Tennessee, Carter County. The within deed with the certificate was duly registered in the Register's Office of said county, this day of 1813.

Godfrey Carriger, Register
By Jas. Renfro

BOOK " C " PAGE 109. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME ISAAC LINCOLN OF THE COUNTY OF CARTER AND STATE OF TENNESSEE SENDS GREETINGS:

KNOW ye that I, the said Isaac Lincoln, for and in consideration of the natural love and affection I have and bear unto my beloved friend Col. Christian Carriger ans his son Isaac Lincoln Carriger and for divers other good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant unto the said Isaac Lincoln Carriger all and singular one negro girl named Priscilla, about seven years old, to have and to hold and enjoy all and singular the goods, chattels and personal estate aforesaid unto the said Isaac Lincoln Carriger, his executor, administrator and assigns forever, and I, the said Isaac Lincoln, all and singular the aforesaid negro girl to the said person whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by this.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 13th., day of November 1815.

Isaac Lincoln (Seal)

Witnesses present:

Godfrey Carriger Jurat.
Daniel Stover Jurat.

State of Tennessee Carter County November Session 1815, the within deed was proven in open Court by Godfrey Carriger and Daniel Stover and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Given under my hand and the seal of my office this 11th., day of November 1815.

Geo. Williams Clk.

State of Tennessee Carter County

The within deed with its certificate was duly registered in the Register's Office of said county, This 31st., day of May, 1817.

Godfrey Carriger, Regr.

By Jas. Renfro

BOOK " C " PAGE 106. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Know all men by these presents that I, Isaac Lincoln, of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee in consideration of the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid by Christian Carriger of the County and State aforesaid on and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof I do acknowledge, have bargained, sold and confirmed and by these presents do bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Christian Carriger one negro girl named Mahalia about seventeen years of age a slave for life. To have and to hold the said negro slave unto the said Christian Carriger his heirs and assigns forever, and I, the said Isaac Lincoln, for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators the said negro girl slave unto the said Christian Carriger his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns against the said Isaac Lincoln my heirs, executors and administrators and against every and all persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st., day of December, 1815.

Isaac Lincoln (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the
presence of us:
John Carriger Jurat.
Thomas Foster Jurat

State of Tennessee, Carter County, February Session one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the within Bill of Sale was proven in open Court by John Carriger and Thomas Foster, and admitted to record. Given under my hand and the seal of my office on this 12th., day of February 1816.

Geo. Williams, Clk,

State of Tennessee Carter County.
The within Bill of Sale with its certificate were duly registered in the Register's Office of said county on this 31st., day of May, 1817.

Godfrey Carriger, Regr.

By Jas. Renfro.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ISAAC LINCOLN

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

I, Isaac Lincoln of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory, for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldy substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with; I give, devise and bequeath the same in the manner following, that is to say:

1st. I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my perishable property by my executorix hereinafter named.

2nd. After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Mary Lincoln, all my real and personal estate, to dispose of as she may think proper.

3rdly., and lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Mary Lincoln, my sole executorix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills br testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 22nd., day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen.

Isaac Lincoln (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Isaac Lincoln in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses to same:

George M. Carter

Godfrey Carriger

Daniel Stover

Christian Carriger

Old will in Carter County, Tennessee, County Court Clerk's File.

BOOK " C " PAGE 524. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Know all men by these presents that I, Mary Lincoln, heir and executorix of Isaac Lincoln deceased for and in consideration of the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by Godfrey Carriger, I have bargained and sold and by these presents bargain and sell unto Godfrey Carriger three negro slaves of the following description, (viz) Violet, a mulatto woman aged 23 years, and her two children, the eldest named Nathaniel, a boy three years old, the other called Lepee, about one year old past, which three described negroes I will warrant and forever defend unto the said Godfrey Carriger as slaves for life, and his heirs, executors, &c., free and clear of my my heirs executors &c., and the lawful claim of all persons whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th., day of May, 1816.

her
Mary x Lincoln (seal)
mark

Witnesses present:

William Stover

William Loudan

his
Benjamin x Foster
mark

State of Tennessee, Carter County, August Session One thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, the within bill of sale was exhibited and proven in open Court by William Stover and William Loudan, subscribing witnesses thereunto and admitted to record. Let it be registered.

Test: Geo. Williams, Clk.

Given under my hand and the seal of no offic o this 10th., day of August, 1818.

State of Tennessee Carter County, the withing Bill of Sale with the certificate was duly registered in the Register's office of said County this 10th day of January, 1823.

Godfrey Carriger, Regr.

By. B. Bswer D. R.

BOOK " D " PAGE 307. CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, REGISTER'S OFFICE.

This indenture made and entered into this 21st., day of March, 1831, by and between Mary Lincoln, Executorix and heir of Isaac Lincoln, decd., of the one part and John Carriger of the other part, all of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of an original agreement made and entered into by and between Godfrey Carriger, Senr., and Isaac Lincoln and also by the parties hereto subscribing including an entry and grant made by John Carriger and Mary Lincoln for 640 acres of land by the State of Tennessee and the said land purchased by Lincoln and Carriger of William Cocke and granted by the State of North Carolina to Josiah _____ lying and being in the County and State aforesaid on the south side of Watauga River butted and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning on an ash on the south bank of Watauga River running South thirty seven poles to a black oak in the lane, thence along the lane south two deg. west one hundred and twenty six poles to a hickory, thence south ten deg. East thirteen poles to a black oak, thence South three deg. west seventy nine poles to a buckeye, thence east five poles to a stake and pointers, two lynns and a buckeye, thence South one hundred and fourteen poles to a chestnut on Carter's line and corner to Mary Lincoln and said Carriger, dogwood and poplar pointers, thence with Carter's line eighty six poles to a stake and pointers, poplar and lynn, on said line, thence north fifteen deg. East three hundred and eighty three poles to a hickory heretofore marked on the river bank, corner to Mary Lincoln and Carriger, thence down the meanders of the river to the beginning, containing three hundred and four acres, more or less.

To have and to hold unto the said John Carriger his heirs and assigns against the lawful claim of her the said Mary Lincoln and her heirs &c., will warrant and forever defend, and I, the said Mary Lincoln, do by these presents make over and quit claim all claim or title I now have or might have to the premises aforesaid unto the said John Carriger his heirs &c., forever.

In witness whereof I, the said Mary Lincoln, have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Mary her x mark Lincoln (Seal)

Test: Christian Carriger
John R. Carriger
Robt. C. Crow

State of Tennessee, Carter County, March Term 21st., day, 1831. The within deed from Mary Lincoln to John Carriger exhibited in open Court and duly proven by Christian Carriger and John Carriger two of the subscribing witnesses and admitted to record and ordered to be certified for registration.

Witness A. M. Carter Clerk of our Circuit Court at office in Elizabethton this 21st., day of March, 1831.

A. M. Carter Clerk
By Mw. B. Carter D. C.

I do hereby certify that the within deed was registered in Deed Book "D" page 307 with the certificate thereto annexed in the Register's office of Carter County at Elizabethton, this May 28, 1834.

B. Brewer, Register
By A. M. Carter, D. Regtr.

This indenture made and confirmed this the 13th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four by and between Johnson Hampton Junior, of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, of the one part and Mordca Lyncoln and John Berry, both of the State of Tennessee and County of Green and Carter of the other part, Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred thirty dollars to me in hand paid, the receipt of which I hereby acknowledge myself contented and paid, hath by these presents bargained, sold, aliened, Geoff and confirmed unto Lincoln and Berry a certain piece or parcel of land on the South side of Watauga River, bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning on a white oak near Stoney Creek corner to Daniel Smith, thence north sixteen poles to a rock and pointers in the edge of Watauga River, then with the margin of sd. River North eighty deg. west thirty seven poles to a serviceb tree and pointers on the bank of sd river, then south six deg. west ninety one poles to a white oak and pointers, then south eighty deg. East fifty poles to a spruce pine and pointers on the bank of Stoney creek, thence with the meanders of the creek to a stake on Daniel Smith's line, then with Smith's line to the beginning, containing twenty three acres.

To have and to hold the aforesaid described piece or parcel of land with the woods, waters, water courses, mines, minerals and appurtenances thereunto appertaining in any wise from me and my heirs, executors and administrators unto the said Lincoln and Berry, them, and their heirs, executors and administrators, firmly and by these presents do warrant and defend in fee simple from all persons or manner of persons whatsoever claiming the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

J. Hampton Jun. (Seal)

Signed and sealed in the presence of us:
George Pierce
Peyton Crane

State of Tennessee, Carter County.
Personally appeared before me, George Williams, Clerk of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, the within named bargainer with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the within deed for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand at office this 12th., day of May, 1834.

Geo. Williams, Clk.
By. G. C. Williams, Dpty. Clk.

I hereby certi fy that the within deed was duly registered in Book D page 373 with the certificate thereto annexed in the register's office for Carter County at Elizabethton. September 24, 1835.

B. Brewer, Register
By: A. M. Carter, Dpty. Rgtr.

ISAAC LINCOLN

CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE COUNTY COUNTY COURT OF GENERAL PLEAS 1803-1805

WEDNESDAY MAY the 15th., 1804, Court met pursuant to adjournment, present the worshipful:

Reuben Thornton
Archibald Williams
John Carter
Thomas Maxwell
} ESQUIRES

1. Indictment of Armistead Blevens, laborer, for assault and battery upon the body of Richard Allen--

2. Arraignment and plea ~~of~~ not guilty

3. Trial and conviction. Defendant and County Solicitor "put themselves upon the coumyty"

4. Conviction. Judgment--fine 12 cents and 5 mills and to be held in custody untilpaid.

" Ordered by the Court that all the hands living on Lincoln's lands, Henry Carriger's lands, Mrs. Carter's lands on the river, and all the hands in Elizabethton and all the hands of John Carter to work on the road leading from Doe River in Elizabethton to the middle of Watauga River at Isaac Lincoln's"

May 1804 Page 103

" Ordered by the Court that Isaac Lincoln be appointed overseer of the publick road in the room of Christian Peters and that all the hands living on Lincoln's lands, Henry Carriger's lands, Mrs. Carter's lands on the River, all the hands in the town of Elizabethton and all the hands on the lands of John Carter to work on the road leading from Doe River in Elizabethton to the middle of the River Wataugah at Isaac Lincoln's"

February Session 1805 page 146

" A deed of conveyance from Christian Stover to Isaac Lincoln for two town Lotts No. 60 and 61 acknowledged in open Court. Let it be registered."

November Sessionm 1805. Page 247.

" A deed of conveyance from Elisha Abner to Isaac Lincoln for one hundred and fifty acres of land and three fourths acre proven in Court by Thomas C. Patterson one of the subscribbing witnesses thereto and admitted to record."

On the tombstones of Isaac and Mary Lincoln.

" Sacred to the memory of Isaac Lincoln who departed this life June 10, 1816, age about 64 years"

" Sacred to the memory of Mary Lincoln who departed this life Augt. 27th.,1854, age about 76 years"

~~Tennessee~~ Lincoln

Lincoln Memorial Univ

Oct 1,

Family Agent of Kinsem

Copy of a warrant to Isaac Linkholm, a great uncle of Abraham, given by the Transylvania Company at a famous Treaty of Watanga at which this company bought from the Overhill Cherokees the land lying between the Ohio and the Cumberland Rivers. This company built Boonsboro later Nashville

"The warrant reads.

"We promise to pay to Isaac Linkholm or order by the first day of June next the full sum of four pounds two shillings and six pence Virginia Currency for value received under our hands this 15th of March 1775

For Richard Henderson & Co
Nathaniel Hart.
Charles Robeson II

Endorsement

20th May 1776 Received of Jesse Benton four pounds two shillings + 6 V.C. in full of the within note

Charles Robeson

The copy of the warrant was made from a quantity of notes given by the Transylvania Company for services rendered at the Treaty of Watanga. They were with the papers of my great great grand father James Hogg who was a member of the company and who was sent to the Continental Congress to ask that Kentucky might be admitted as the 14 colony was refused [illegible] this land was claim but had not been possessed by Virginia [illegible] the name of Isaac Linkholm. Son who was drawn in the waiting [illegible]

with the possible exception of Jesse Lincoln.

Thus it will be observed that there are no male members of the Tennessee branch bearing the name Lincoln who now survive. Abraham Lincoln, son of William Henry and Alameda, died at the age of twelve in 1904.

Mordecai Lincoln (Tennessee)

Married Andrew Johnson as noted in Johnson Family Bible

"Married at Greenville, on April 17 1827 by Mordecai Lincoln Esq, Andrew Johnson and Eliza McCardle"

Pictorial Field Book of Civil War 3rd Lossing

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